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Caribou Island Cabin



Description

A historic 14' x 17' foot rustic log cabin built around the turn of the century by trappers and hunters.

Facilities

Two bunk beds, table with benches, wood stove, broom, shovel, water bucket, fire extinguisher, established campfire ring, and outhouse. Maximum occupancy: 6. **NOT included:** running water, electricity, mattress or bedding, cooking utensils, or cut firewood.

Location

The cabin is located on an island of Tustumena Lake in the Kenai Wilderness area. Access to the cabin is by boat from the Kasilof River Landing, or float plane, ski plane, skiing, and snowmobile. Refer to USGS map Kenai A-3. GPS: Latitude 60°14.305, Longitude 151 °03.994. NAD 83 or WGS 84, Degree, Decimal, Minutes.

Terrain/Vegetation

Cabin is in a fairly flat area, overlooking Tustumena Lake. Surrounded by scattered trees, shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers. Cabin elevation is approximately 155 feet.

Reservations

Occupancy of Refuge cabins is by permit only --\$35 per night per party.

Recreation Opportunities

This cabin offers seclusion, hunting, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, exploring and fishing. In the winter there is cross-county skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling. Contact the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge for snowmobiling regulations in this area. Review Alaska Department of Fish and Game hunting and fishing regulations.

Special Considerations

The seclusion of this cabin necessitates being prepared to handle any emergency situation. Tustumena Lake is a large glacial lake with recurring high wave situations. Inclement weather may cause an unexpected extension of the trip. The shore is exposed to southerly winds; large waves could swamp boats not pulled out on the beach; there is little beach area available during high water. Ice conditions depend on prevailing temperatures and are subject to change. Bringing a personal cooking stove is recommended. Carry in potable water or boil surface water 5 minutes before drinking. Remember to pack out your trash. Enjoy, but help protect this historical building.

Contact the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge office for more information.

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